

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 23, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Downing called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, May 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 11701 Community Center Drive, Northglenn.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Mayor Downing, Mayor Pro Tem Dodge, Council members Snetzinger, Mullica, Sauers, J. Brown, B. Brown, and Whitman. Council member Esquibel arrived at 7:02 p.m.

ABSENT

None.

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager Hayes, City Attorney Hoffmann, and Deputy City Clerk Andrews.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS
AND DELETIONS:**

None.

PRESENTATIONS:

2015 Audit – RSM US

Ms. Kristen Hughes was present on behalf of RSM US, LLP to present information about the 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) to Council. Ms. Hughes spoke about the audit process and stated the audit did not identify any areas of concern.

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Downing called for any person wishing to address City Council on matters of community interest related to City business not set for public hearing to come forward.

Ms. Serena Campbell came forward to speak about a complaint she filed with the City of Northglenn regarding an animal control case. Ms. Campbell stated she is the owner of a dog that has been impounded, deemed vicious by Northglenn Municipal Court, and ordered euthanized. Ms. Campbell stated Northglenn Municipal Court has no jurisdiction to deem the dog vicious because no citation was issued for a violation of Northglenn Municipal Code in relation to the dog bite report. Ms. Campbell stated she would like the dog evaluated by an independent animal behaviorist to determine if it can be rehabilitated and transferred to another facility or returned to her as her emotional support dog.

Mr. Jeffrey Justice, Longmont resident, spoke in support of Ms. Campbell, expressing concern about the Court's jurisdiction and the length of impoundment. Mr. Justice requested the dog be returned to Ms. Campbell.

Ms. Li-Anne Lieu, Westminster resident, spoke in support Ms. Campbell. Ms. Lieu stated that Ms. Campbell is a disabled veteran and utilizes the dog as emotional support. She expressed concerns regarding proper jurisdiction, length of impoundment, and the behavior evaluation conducted on the dog. Ms. Lieu asked that Ms. Campbell's request for an independent evaluation be granted.

Ms. Deb Brinkley, Aurora resident, spoke in support of Ms. Campbell, stating she owns a rescue shelter in unincorporated Arapahoe County. Ms. Brinkley requested the dog be moved to her shelter where it will be held at no charge until the court case is concluded. She expressed concern regarding the length of impoundment and stated she could provide a more humane environment for the dog.

Ms. Jessica Somers, Jefferson County resident, spoke in support of Ms. Campbell, explaining she is the current owner of a dog that was also impounded for a long period of time. Ms. Somers stated her dog has since been rehabilitated to be a family pet and urged Council to give Ms. Campbell's dog a chance for rehabilitation.

Mr. Greg Smith, Littleton resident, came forward in support of Ms. Campbell, stating the larger issue is the use of emotional support dogs for disabled veterans. Mr. Smith requested the dog be given a second chance.

Ms. Stephanie Klatt, Weld County resident, spoke in support of Ms. Campbell, stating she is a board member with an animal shelter in Aurora. Ms. Klatt expressed concern that the dog has been in a shelter for too long and requested the dog be released back to Ms. Campbell.

City Attorney Hoffmann provided the following background information and advised Council regarding pending litigation. Responsive to a report of a mail carrier attack, the dog was impounded, deemed vicious, and ordered euthanized by Northglenn Municipal Court. The case was appealed to Adams County District Court, which affirmed the Municipal Court's jurisdiction and findings. The Colorado Supreme Court denied review of the case, leaving the lower Courts' decisions intact. Ms. Campbell has since

filed a civil suit in Federal District Court, which is still pending. The City of Northglenn has agreed not to enforce the euthanasia order until the Federal District Court makes a ruling in the case.

CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS

Council member Snetzinger **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Whitman to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Downing, Dodge, Snetzinger, Mullica, Sauers,
J. Brown, B. Brown, Whitman, Esquibel.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - None.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the May 9, 2016 Regular Meeting
- CR-56 – Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Reappointment – Karen Knuepfer

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-57 – Acceptance
of 2015 Audit of the
Comprehensive Annual
Financial Report

Deputy City Clerk Andrews read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Snetzinger **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Pro Tem Dodge to approve CR-57.

City Manager Hayes provided a summary of CR-57.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Downing, Dodge, Snetzinger, Mullica, Sauers,
J. Brown, B. Brown, Whitman, Esquibel.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - None.

CR-58 – Northglenn
Food Access Assessment

Deputy City Clerk Andrews read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Mullica **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Sauers to approve CR-58.

City Manager Hayes provided a summary of CR-58.

Council member Whitman stated she would be abstaining from the

vote on CR-58.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Downing, Dodge, Snetzinger, Mullica, Sauers,
J. Brown, B. Brown, Esquibel.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - None.
ABSTAIN - Whitman.

CR-59 – Ralston House
Design Contract Award –
Architectural/Engineering
Services

Deputy City Clerk Andrews read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Mullica **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Snetzinger to approve CR-59.

City Manager Hayes provided a summary of CR-59.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Downing, Dodge, Snetzinger, Mullica, Sauers,
J. Brown, B. Brown, Whitman, Esquibel.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - None.

RECESS

The City Council meeting recessed to a meeting of the Marijuana
Licensing Authority at 7:33 p.m.

RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened at 8:03 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Draft 2017 Budget
Calendar

City Manager Hayes and Director of Finance Jason Loveland
introduced the draft 2017 budget calendar and discussed the general
budget process. City Manager Hayes suggested a special study session
to be held on August 29th for Council to begin reviewing the draft
budget; Council agreed by general consensus.

Northglenn Justice
Center Project Update

Mr. Steve Grace, Public Works Operations Manager, provided an
update regarding the Northglenn Justice Center Project. Mr. Grace
stated a comprehensive presentation will be made to Council during
the June 6th study session regarding site and floor plan design. He
reported there have been no adjustments to the design budget and
everything is on schedule. Mr. Grace spoke about the schematic

design and stated architectural changes will be presented as a 3D model to Council on June 6th.

There was discussion regarding a public presentation of the site and floor plan design. Mr. Grace stated the presentation will be an opportunity for public engagement regarding the design, but will not affect the progress of the project as the design and construction schedule is set.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Mullica stated the Food Truck Carnival went extremely well and thanked staff for putting the event together. Council member Mullica recognized Council member Whitman for volunteering with the Northglenn Community Foundation for all three days of the event.

Mayor Downing reported the Food Truck Carnival was a huge success. Mayor Downing stated she attended the ribbon cutting event at Larsen Park; everything looks great and the community is excited about the improvements.

Mayor Pro Tem Dodge stated the A Cappella Concert Series was a success; attendance for the event was up 18%, with a total of 1,060 attendees for the series. Mayor Pro Tem Dodge reported she attended the Police Officers' Memorial Candlelight Vigil, the Larsen Park Ribbon Cutting, the Almost Home Gala, and the Retirement Roast of Judge Chris Melonakis hosted by Court Appointed Special Advocates of Adams and Broomfield Counties (CASA) and the Westminster Rotary Club Foundation. Mayor Pro Tem Dodge thanked staff and the Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Committee for their hard work on the program.

Council member B. Brown stated she enjoyed the Food Truck Carnival and is looking forward to Pirate Fest. Council member Brown reported she attended the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Planning Commission Conference and stated it was a great team building experience.

Council member Whitman thanked Council for allowing the Northglenn Community Foundation to have a fundraiser as part of the Food Truck Carnival. She stated the event raised a lot of money for the Foundation that will directly benefit members of the community. Council member Whitman also reported on the Anythink Library's Beerology event to be held on June 2nd and the Heroes Luncheon she attended in honor of first responders.

Staff

City Manager Hayes reported on a request from Adams County for the City to become a contributing sponsor of the Adams County Fair. There was discussion regarding the budget and potential in-kind donations for the sponsorship. City Manager Hayes will research the budget and resources and report back to Council.

City Manager Hayes reported the sign at Huron Crossing had been hit by a car and damaged. He stated the sign is in the public right-of-way and there is no homeowner's association for the neighborhood. There was discussion regarding the location of the sign and the extent of the damage. It was Council's general consensus that the City should repair the sign.

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Downing invited any member of the public wishing to speak on items previously addressed by Council to come forward. No one came forward.

Executive Session
MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Snetzinger to adjourn to Executive Session 1) pursuant to Section 4.5(d) for legal consultation and advice regarding both the Wastewater Treatment Plant and regarding regulating City rights-of-way; 2) pursuant to Section 4.5(e) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter regarding pending litigation; and 3) pursuant to Section 4.5(g) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for negotiations concerning the potential acquisition of real property and contracts except those required to be the subject of competitive bidding.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Downing, Dodge, Snetzinger, Mullica, Sauers,
J. Brown, B. Brown, Whitman, Esquibel.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - None.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned to the Executive Session at 8:34 p.m.

LISA ANDREWS, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

JOYCE DOWNING
Mayor